MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(14)

TO:

Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez

and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE:

September 12, 2006

FROM:

Murray A. Greenberg

County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution Directing the

County Manager to

Determine the Feasibility Of Assessing a Reasonable Annual Fee Upon Agricultural

Land To Remove Debris

During and After Storm Events

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Dennis C. Moss.

Murray A. Greenberg

County Attorney

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TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez DATE: September 12, 2006 and Members, Board of County Commissioners SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 11(A)(14) FROM: County Attorney Please note any items checked. "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget **Budget required** Statement of fiscal impact required Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)

No committee review

Approved	Mayor	Agenda Item No.	11(A)(14)
Veto		09-12-06	
Override			

RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF ASSESSING A REASONABLE ANNUAL FEE UPON AGRICULTURAL LAND AND CREATING AN ESCROW ACCOUNT FOR THE PURPOSE OF HAVING MONIES AVAILABLE TO REMOVE DEBRIS DURING AND AFTER STORM EVENTS SUCH AS HURRICANES WHEN NO OTHER FEDERAL OR STATE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE

WHEREAS, after storm events such as hurricanes there are significant quantities of debris scattered throughout the county; and

WHEREAS, significant amounts of the debris is scattered on or near agricultural land which do not pay or participate in the funding of the Solid Waste Department and which fall outside of the service area for the Solid Waste Department; and

WHEREAS, collection and disposal of this debris in and around agricultural lands poses significant cost both to the County and to the people of Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, an available source of funds to effect the removal and disposal of this debris is in the best interest of Miami-Dade County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the County Manager is directed to determine the feasibility of assessing a fee upon agricultural land, which fee will be maintained in an escrow account for the sole purpose of effecting the removal and disposal of debris during and after storm events such as hurricanes in and around agricultural lands when no other federal or State assistance is available. In so doing, the Manager shall meet with the Agricultural Practices and Studies Advisory Board to hear and take into account the

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recommendations and ideas expressed by that Board, provided however, the Manager shall not be bound by those recommendations and ideas.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Dennis C. Moss and offered by Commissioner , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner and upon being put to a vote, the vote

was as follows:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman Dennis C. Moss, Vice-Chairman

Bruno A. Barreiro
Audrey M. Edmonson
Sally A. Heyman
Dorrin D. Rolle
Katy Sorenson
Sen. Javier D. Souto

Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Carlos A. Gimenez
Barbara J. Jordan
Natacha Seijas
Rebeca Sosa

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 12th day of September, 2006. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By:	
Deputy Clerk	

Approved by County Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency.

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Thomas H. Robertson

